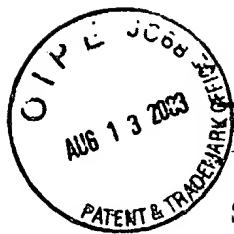


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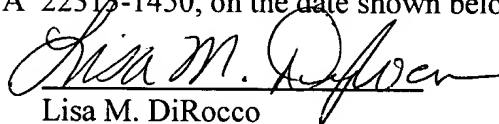
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office communication mailed February 13, 2003 (Paper No. 13). A request for the appropriate extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper**

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